

REMARKS**A. Withdrawal of Previous Finality**

Applicants express their appreciation that the previous finality has been withdrawn permitting Applicants to file this response to the December 8, 2005 new final Office Action.

B. Rejected Claims

Without admission that the cited art anticipates any claim and reserving all rights to file continuation applications, Applicants cancel rejected claims 1, 10, 11, 13 – 16 and 18 – 21.

C. Allowed Claims

Claims 2 – 9, 12, 17 and 22 – 24 remain in this application. As noted in the Office Action on page 3, these claims are in allowable form.

D. Summary

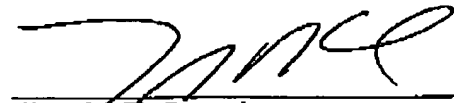
For the reasons noted above, all of claims 2 – 9, 12, 17 and 22 – 24 are allowable upon entry of this Amendment. Reconsideration, entry of this amendment and Notice of Allowance are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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